

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0049] as follows:

[0049] Fig. 2b shows the connectors on the short side. They consist of a strip 6 with a locking element 8 which cooperates with a locking groove [[10]] 12 and provides horizontal locking of the floorboards 1, 1'. The short side 5a has a groove 9 which is adapted to cooperate with the tongue 10 of the long side 4a when long sides and short sides are locked to each other. However, the short side 5b has no tongue 10. Figs 2c, 2e show how the short sides 5b is locked to the long side 4b by a vertical motion. The joint system preferred in Fig. 2e can only be joined vertically by the short side 5b, called the groove side, being placed on a long side or short side that has a protruding strip 6, called the locking side. In this embodiment, locking cannot take place by the locking side being placed on the groove side. Fig. 2d shows how the short side 5a can be locked to the long side 4a vertically and horizontally using a joint system that allows inward angling. Fig. 2c shows that it may be an advantage if there is a play between the locking groove 12 and a locking surface 14 on the locking element 8. One preferred embodiment is characterized by the fact that when the panels 5b and 4b are pressed together, they may occupy a position with a play of for example 0.01 – 0.1 mm. Such a play will eliminate pretension, even in high humidity, and the panel 5b will not be forced upwards, as could be the case when the panels are connected with pretension and vertical displacement is not prevented by e.g. a tongue. The play could be combined with a decorative groove 133, which may be painted or impregnated with a color. Such a decorative groove

133 may contribute to make the play invisible even if the play is rather large, for example 0.1 – 0.2 mm.